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S 023/015 mine file (Lock)

September 12, 1991

TO: Lieutenant Governor Val Oveson
FROM: Dianne R. Nielson, Director
RE: Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine

Attached is recent correspondence from the Division to Robert Steele regarding the state permit for his Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine. When I spoke with him we concurred that a revised map of his operations was needed. The revised map which he submitted has provided the necessary information to resolve the Division's questions. The mine is now permitted as a small (5 acres or less) mining operation.

As you and I discussed, the Forest Service requirements in connection with the Mt. Nebo Wilderness Area are a separate issue. We will continue to work with Mr. Steele and the Forest Service regarding access and operations.

If you have any questions, please call me. Thanks for your help in resolving the problem.

Attachment



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August 22, 1991

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Mr. Robert Steele
Operator/Owner
1055 North 400 East
Nephi, Utah 84648

Dear Mr. Steele:

Re: Notice of Intention to Conduct Small Mining Operations, Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine, S/023/015, Juab County, Utah

Thank you for your recent resubmission of the disturbed area map associated with the Gardner Canyon gypsum mine site. The Division has reevaluated the disturbed area on your latest map and calculated the following acreage figures:

Mine and yard area	=	2.8 acres
Road from USFS Boundary	=	2.00 acres
Access road on mine property	=	.16 acres
<i>Total</i>	=	4.96 acres

Based on these figures and your recent indication that you intend to mine only a few hundred tons of gypsum a year, the Division hereby accepts your request to categorize the Gardner Canyon permit application as a Small Mine Notice of Intention. In any future correspondence regarding the mine, please reference mine number S/023/015. Our acknowledgement and acceptance of a complete small mine application does not preclude you from addressing necessary permit requirements or conditions imposed by the USFS for access to or conduct of mining operations within the Mt. Nebo Wilderness Area.

If the operation expands to the point where it will exceed 5 acres of surface disturbance, you will be required to permit the Gardner Canyon gypsum mine as a Large Mining Operation. Please contact us well in advance of any mine plan

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expansion so that a large mining permit application can be prepared and processed in a timely fashion, thereby minimizing unnecessary delays or suspension of operations.

Enclosed is a copy of the Division's rules which govern your operation and reclamation of a small mining operation (SMO-1 and SMO-2). Thank you for your cooperation in finalizing this permitting action.

Best regards,



Dianne R. Nielson
Director

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Enclosure
cc: Jane Leeson, Wilderness Society of Utah
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